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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Akihisa Hirota

Appln. No.: 10/576,895



Filed: April 24, 2006
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING POWDER FOR SLUSH MOLDING

Attorney Docket No: 5404/149

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Attached is/are:

- Transmittal (in Duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; and a Copy of Each Listed Reference for Which a Copy is Required.
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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
JP 2001-181402 A	07/03/2001	Japan
JP 2004-292694 A	10/21/2004	Japan

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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